

Reading for Linguistics

To help you learn what linguistics is and whether you are interested in studying it as a part of a degree:

- Parkvall, M. (2008). Limits of Language: Almost everything you didn't know about language and languages
- Aitchison, J. (2011). The Articulate Mammal: An introduction to Psycholinguistics
- Pinker, S. (1995) The Language Instinct: The New Science of Language and Mind

An Introductory textbook at the level you would study in the first year Introduction to Linguistics course:

- Radford A., Atkinson M., Britain D., Clahsen, H. & Spencer, A. (2009). Linguistics: An Introduction

Note that earlier editions of many of these books can be found at a lower cost, but may be somewhat out of date

The Language Log (<http://languagelog.ldc.upenn.edu/nll/>) is a blog written by world renowned academic linguists but with a general readership in mind, and an emphasis on humour, debunking language myths and erroneous beliefs, topical issues relating to language, etc.

You may also like to have a look at the website of the Linguistics Olympiad: <http://www.uklo.org>.